AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing phytotoxicity to a plant caused by a herbicide application to the plant or the seed from which it grows which method comprises:
 - (a) applying to a plant locus the seed of a plant a composition comprising a chloronicotinyl insecticide, and
 - (b) applying to the plant locus a herbicidal composition, wherein the herbicide is selected from the group consisting of chloroacetamides, imidazolinones, oxyacetamides, sulfonylureas, triazines, triketones isoxazoles, and combinations thereof.
 - 2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein said plant is a crop plant.
- 3. (Original) The method according to Claim 2 wherein the crop plant is a monocotyledon plant.
- 4. (Original) The method according Claim 1 wherein the herbicide is applied to the soil at the locus.
- 5. (Original) The method according to Claims 1 wherein the herbicidal composition is applied to the foliage of the plant at the locus.
- 6. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide is a compound of formula (I):

$$R-N$$
 (Z)
 $X-E$
 $(I),$

in which

- R represents hydrogen, optionally substituted radicals from the group acyl, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl;
- A represents a monofunctional group from the series hydrogen, acyl, alkyl, aryl, or represents a bifunctional group which is linked to the radical Z;
- E represents an electron-withdrawing radical;
- X represents the radicals -CH= or =N-, it being possible for the radical -CH= instead of an H-atom to be linked to the radical Z;
- Z represents a monofunctional group from the series alkyl, -O-R, -S-R,

$$-N(R)$$

or represents a bifunctional group which is linked to the radical A or to the radical X (if X represents = C =).

- 7. (Cancelled) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide composition is applied to the seed from which the plant grows.
- 8. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the herbicide is applied as a pre-emergent treatment.
- 9. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the herbicide is applied as a post emergent treatment.
 - 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Original) The method according to Claim 2 wherein the crop plant is a maize or corn plant.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 11 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide is applied to the seed of the corn plant.
- 13. (Original) The method according to Claim 12 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide is applied at a rate of from 0.05 mg/seed to 3 mg/seed.

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- 14. (Original) The method according to any one of Claims 1-3 wherein the soil temperature at the plant locus at or before the time of application of the herbicide is from about 4°C to about 25°C.
- 15. (Original) The method according to any one of Claims 1-3 wherein the soil temperature at the plant locus at or before the time of application of the herbicide is from about 10°C to about 20°C.
- 16. (Original) The method according to Claim 6 wherein the compound of formula (I) is:

$$CI - \bigvee_{N} - CH_2 - \bigvee_{N} NH$$

$$N$$

$$NO$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow NH$$
 NO_2
 $CI \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow NH_2$
 $N - NO_2$

$$CI - \bigvee_{N} = CH_2 - \bigvee_{N} S$$
 $N \setminus S$

$$CI \xrightarrow{N} CH_2 \xrightarrow{N} N - CH_3$$

$$N \xrightarrow{N} N - CH_3$$

$$N \xrightarrow{N} NO_2$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow CN$$

$$CI - CH_2 - N NH$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow NHCH_3$$

$$N - NO_2$$

$$CI - \bigvee_{N} = CH_2 - \bigvee_{N} S \qquad CI - \bigvee_{N} = CH_2 - \bigvee_{N} S \qquad N-N$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow S$$
 $N - NO_2$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow NH$$
 CH
 NC

$$CI \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} CH_2 \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} NH \qquad CI \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} CH_2 \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} NCH_3)_2$$

$$CH \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} NO_2 \qquad CH \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} NO_2 \qquad CH \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} NO_2$$

$$CI - CH_2 - N NH$$

$$CH - N$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{N} CH_{2} \xrightarrow{NH} NH \qquad CI \xrightarrow{N} CH_{2} \xrightarrow{N} N(CH_{3})_{2}$$

$$CH \xrightarrow{NO_{2}} CH_{2} \xrightarrow{N} NO_{2}$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow N - H$$

$$N - NO_2$$

$$CI \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow N - H$$

$$N - NO_2$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{S} CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{N-H} N-H$$

$$N-NO_2$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm} V \hspace{1cm}} CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm} V \hspace{1cm}} N - CH_3 \\ N - NO_2 \\ CI \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm} V \hspace{1cm}} CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm} V \hspace{1cm}} N - CH_3 \\ N - NO_2 \\ CI \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm} V \hspace{1cm}} N - NO_2 \\ CI \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm} V \hspace{1cm$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{S} CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{N - CH_3} N - CH_3$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} CH_3 \\ | \\ N \end{array}} - CH_2 - N - C - CH_3$$

$$\begin{array}{c} II \\ N \\ CN \end{array}$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{\text{CH}_3} - CH_2 - N - C - CH_3 \qquad CI \xrightarrow{\text{N}} - CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{\text{N}} N - CH_3$$

$$CN \qquad N = N - CH_2 - N - CH_3 - N - CH_3$$

$$N = N - CH_3 - N - CH_3$$

$$N = N - CH_3 - N - CH_3$$

$$N = N - CH_3 - N - CH_3$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad CH_2 - N - C - NHCH_3 \qquad CI \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad N = } CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad CH_3 \qquad CH_3 \qquad N - CH_3}$$

$$CH_{NO_2} \qquad N \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad N - CN}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 & & \\
S \downarrow NH \\
CH \\
CH \\
NO_2
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 & CH_2 - N \downarrow NH \\
N \\
NO_2
\end{array}$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 NH \longrightarrow NHCH_3$$
 $CI \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow S$ $N \longrightarrow CN$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow N$$
 $CH_2 \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow N$
 $N \longrightarrow NO_2$
 $N \longrightarrow NO_2$

or